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EXPORTS OF LEATHER GARMENTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the exports of leather garments has declined during the last three years and in the current year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the exports of leather garments?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) The value of export of leather garments during year 2005-06 was US$ 333.30 million as against US$ 329.44 million in 2004-05.However, the export of these commodities declined in the year 2006-07 to US$ 308.98 million.In the current year the value of export of leather garments, from April to October, has been recorded as US$ 204.59 million which shows a growth of 6.82 % over the corresponding period of 2006-07. As per data available from 'World Statistics- ITC, Geneva', the global import of leather garments has been showing a declining trend for the past five years.

(c) The measures taken by Government to increase the export of leather garments ,inter-alia, include setting up of an Integrated Design Centre, financial assistance to organize participations in Leather Garments specific international events , financial assistance for modernization and upgradation of production facility in leather garments industry,and concession/exemption in import duties for import of specified raw materials, machineries etc. used in manufacturing of leather garments.